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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 016770-002810US  
First Inventor Scott Borland  
Title IMPROVED APERTURE PLATE AND METHODS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION AND USE  
Express Mail Label No. ET054315229US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning design patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 21]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 12]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper (number of pages )
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).  
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/392,180  
Prior application information: Examiner Smith Hicks, E. Group / Art Unit: 1741

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## FEE CALCULATION

| 1. BASIC FILING FEE |                 |                |                 |                        |          |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Large Fee Code      | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
| 101                 | 710             | 201            | 355             | Utility filing fee     | 710      |
| 106                 | 320             | 206            | 160             | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107                 | 490             | 207            | 245             | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108                 | 710             | 208            | 355             | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114                 | 150             | 214            | 75              | Provisional filing fee |          |
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims       | Extra Claims | Fee below  | Fee Paid   |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 35                 | -20** = 15   | X 18 = 270 |            |
| Independent Claims | 7            | -3** = 4   | X 80 = 320 |
| Multiple Dependent |              | X          |            |

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description  |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| 103            | 18              | 203            | 9               | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102            | 80              | 202            | 40              | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104            | 270             | 204            | 135             | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109            | 80              | 209            | 40              | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110            | 18              | 210            | 9               | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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| 105            | 130             | 205            | 65              | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 127            | 50              | 227            | 25              | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139            | 130             | 139            | 130             | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147            | 2,520           | 147            | 2,520           | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 112            | 920*            | 112            | 920*            | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113            | 1,840*          | 113            | 1,840*          | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115            | 110             | 215            | 55              | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116            | 390             | 216            | 195             | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117            | 890             | 217            | 445             | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118            | 1,390           | 218            | 695             | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128            | 1,890           | 228            | 945             | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119            | 310             | 219            | 155             | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120            | 310             | 220            | 155             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121            | 270             | 221            | 135             | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138            | 1,510           | 138            | 1,510           | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140            | 110             | 240            | 55              | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141            | 1,240           | 241            | 620             | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142            | 1,240           | 242            | 620             | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143            | 440             | 243            | 220             | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144            | 600             | 244            | 300             | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122            | 130             | 122            | 130             | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123            | 50              | 123            | 50              | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |          |
| 126            | 180             | 126            | 180             | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581            | 40              | 581            | 40              | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146            | 710             | 246            | 355             | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 149            | 710             | 249            | 355             | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 179            | 710             | 279            | 355             | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 169            | 900             | 169            | 900             | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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5. Divisional Patent Application

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